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MANILA-DRAFT RESOLUTION

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MANILA PASS TO USDEL TO FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE

1. DRAFT RESOLUTION REPRESENTS A COMMENDABLE EFFORT TO
TAKE ACCOUNT OF MANY OF THE PRESSING PROBLEMS FACING DE-
VELOPING NATIONS. ENUMERATED BELOW ARE SEVERAL PROPOSED
CHANGES THAT WOULD BROADEN THE APPEAL OF THE DRAFT RESOLU-
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TION AND GIVE IT HEIGHTENED CURRENCY AMONG BOTH DEVELOPING

AND DEVELOPED NATIONS.

2. THE DELEGATION IS REQUESTED TO WORK WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS TO INCLUDE THE CHANGES PROPOSED BELOW BUT IF THESE EFFORTS ARE UNSUCCESSFUL MAY JOIN IN A CONSENSUS ACCEPTING THE RESOLUTION AS TRANSMITTED REFTEL. IN ANY EVENT, WHERE CALLED FOR BELOW, THE DELEGATION SHOULD COMMENT TO THE CONFERENCE CLARIFYING THE POINTS INCORPORATED BELOW.

3. COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH LINE 5: AFTER QUOTE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE--UNQUOTE SUBSTITUTE: QUOTE...THE PROGRESS WHICH HAS BEEN MADE TOWARD INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION HAS BEEN DISAPPOINTINGLY SLOW. UNQUOTE

B. PARA 2 LINE 5: DROP QUOTE DEVELOPED UNQUOTE. DELEGATION MAY ACCEPT QUOTE A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER UNQUOTE BUT SHOULD COMMENT THAT THIS LANGUAGE CONNOTES NO CHANGE IN OUR POSITION WITH RESPECT TO UNGA RESOLUTION 3201 AND 3202 AND S-VII OF THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION.

C. PARA 3 LINE 6: FOLLOWING QUOTE NATIONS TO SUPPORT UNQUOTE SUBSTITUTE QUOTE THE FAO WORLD FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM. UNQUOTE.

D. PARA 3 LINE 8: AFTER QUOTE WE NOTE UNQUOTE SUBSTITUTE: QUOTE...WITH DISAPPOINTMENT THAT MEMBER NATIONS HAVE NOT YET ACHIEVED THE FOOD AID TARGET OF 10 MILLION TONS SET BY THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE TWO YEARS AGO. UNQUOTE

(COMMENT: DELEGATION SHOULD BE AWARE THAT CURRENT ESTIMATES OF INTERNATIONAL FOOD AID FOR FY 76 WILL BE AT LEAST 9.6 MILLION TONS WHICH IS NOT QUOTE PARTICULARLY ALARMING UNQUOTE. OF THIS, THE U.S. HAS ALREADY COMMITTED ITSELF TO PROVIDE 6 MILLION TONS.)

E. RE PARA 3 LINE 11: DELEGATION SHOULD COMMENT THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT THE EMERGENCY RESERVE CAN MAKE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO EMERGENCY FOOD NEEDS IF IT RESULTS IN AN INCREASE IN TOTAL FOOD AID OVER WHAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE AVAILABLE. WHILE THE U.S. DOES NOT PLAN TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE EMERGENCY RESERVE IT EXPECTS TO CONTINUE TO BE THE LARGEST DONOR OF EMERGENCY FOOD AID, BOTH ON A BILATERAL BASIS AND, ON A SELECTIVE BASIS, TO MEET MULTILATERAL PROGRAMMING NEEDS.

F. RE LAST SENTENCE PARA 4: DELEGATE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO
SUBSTITUTE NEW FINAL SENTENCE INCORPORATING LANGUAGE FROM
THE UNCTAD IV RESOLUTION ON COMMODITIES TO READ QUOTE:
WE THEREFORE CALL FOR IMMEDIATE MEASURES TO AVOID EX-
CESSIVE PRICE FLUCTUATIONS AND MEASURES TO SUPPORT PRICE
LEVELS REMUNERATIVE TO PRODUCERS, FAIR TO CONSUMERS, AND
CONSISTENT WITH LONG TERM EQUILIBRIUM OF PRODUCTION AND
CONSUMPTION. UNQUOTE. IF SUBSTITUTE NOT ACCEPTED,
DELEGATE SHOULD COMMENT THAT THE U.S. INTERPRETS THE
ORIGINAL FORMULATION TO MEAN THIS.

G. PARA 7 LINE 12: AFTER QUOTE RESOURCES AND UNQUOTE
SUBSTITUTE: WE AGAIN CALL UPON THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY TO WORK WITH US TO REMOVE THE CONSTRAINTS WHICH
PREVENT US FROM THUS ACHIEVING OUR HIGHEST POTENTIALS. ROBINSON

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